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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SETTLEMENT OF SURINAM-FRENCH GUIANA BORDER

1. PRIME MINISTER ARRON TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 29 THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN INITIALED THE DAY BEFORE IN THE HAGUE BETWEEN SURINAM AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE SURINAM-FRENCH BORDER AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE ACTUAL BORDER SETTLEMENT, WHICH GIVE FRANCE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE DISPUTED AREA AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SURINAM, WAS AGREED TO OVER A YEAR AGO, BUT FORMAL SIGNATURE HAS BEEN AWAITING CONCLUSION OF A N ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PROVIDE SOME AID FOR SURINAM.

3. ARRON SAID THAT THE PACKAGE MUST NOW BE SUBMITTED
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TO THE CABINET FOR PRO-FORMA APPROVAL, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT. SINCE PARLIAMENT APPROVED THE NEGOTIATING TERMS IN ADVANCE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE ANY OPPOSITION TO ADOPTION OF THE AGREEMENTS. ARRON WILL THEN GO TO PARIS FOR FORMAL SIGNING OF THE TREATIES. HE ESTIMATED THIS WOULD BE IN A MONTH OR TWO.

4. ARRON FURTHER SAID THAT CONCLUSION OF THESE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRENCH (WHICH GIVE THE TERRITORY TO FRANCE ON THE BASIS OF ESTABLISHING THE BORDER ON THE RIVER BRANCH OF GREATEST WATER FLOW) WAS A PREREQUISITE TO NEGOTIATING WITH GUYANA ON THE BORDER QUESTION, WHERE SURINAM ALSO ASSERTS THE PRINCIPLE OF GREATEST WATER FLOW, AND HE BELIEVES THAT SURINAM'S HAVING GIVEN IN TO FRANCE ON THIS POINT SHOULD BUTTRESS ITS CASE IN DEALING WITH GUYANA.
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